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ROAD MONEY FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY BOND ISSUE CARRIES

Engineers Gather Data on
Columbia Highway.

Engineering data on the Columbia highway in Columbia and Clatsop counties, so that no time should be lost in getting down to business on the road bond issue pass, W. J. Dolph, assistant state highway engineer, and C. A. LaBare, also of the highway department, in company with County Roadmaster Abry, made a thorough inspection of the highway in the county. At the house of Engineer Nunn, Mr. Abry and the party at the Multnomah county line and showed them just what the Columbia county had done and the state should do towards making a permanent highway through the county.

Mr. Eddy stated that should the issue carry, one of the first projects would be the building of the road from the Multnomah county line through Columbia and Clatsop counties to Tillamook. The engineering estimated that the several miles of road to be built in order to make grade crossings and make a direct line, and the grading, clearing of the road, building of culverts, etc., through Columbia county would not cost to exceed \$100,000, and then the paving would be laid at an approximate cost of \$18,000 per mile.

Roadmaster Abry and the engineers drove as far as Rainier, then took "the foot route" from Rainier to Delena, and over the highway to Clatskanie.

Roadbed in Good Condition

Mr. Abry stated that the roadbed was in excellent condition except for a few slides, and that it had stood even better than was expected, considering the heavy rains.

The visit of the engineers on their gathering expedition is prima facie evidence that the highway commission is going to live up to their promise that the first money of the bond issue will be spent on the Columbia Highway from the Multnomah county line to the sea, and it is evident that the state highway department means business and that the people of Columbia county are going to realize on the several hundred thousand dollars they have spent on the highway—if the bond issue carries. In both Columbia and Clatsop counties the bond issue will carry by large majorities. In fact it should be unanimous, for these counties apparently have everything to gain and nothing to lose.

VESSEL LAUNCHING IS POSTPONED

High Water Injures Ways and Compels Postponement of Launching

High water has caused a postponement in the plans for the launching of the motorship City of St. Helens. It had been decided that the launching would take place at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, but the water coming up rapidly the officials of the company thought best to slip the craft off the ways, and Wednesday was set as the date. More than a thousand people gathered at the shipyard to see the big freighter bearing the name of the city take her initial dip, but the high water had undermined the ways and after a careful investigation the officials of the company deemed it best to postpone the launching until after the high water. The ways have settled and it will be necessary to "jack" them up before it will be safe to launch the vessel.

The army bill has been sent back to conference by the house with instructions to include an amendment for a graduated increase in the pay for privates during the war, beginning June 1. The effect of the action was to direct an increase in the pay of the private soldier from the present \$15 to \$21, up to \$30 to \$36. The existing law provides an addition of 20 per cent increase of pay for soldiers in foreign service.

CIRCUIT COURT IS IN SESSION

Only Civil Cases Being Tried at This Term—Judge Bagley Presides.

Circuit court convened Tuesday, the 15th inst. Judge Eakin, being busy with an important case being tried in Astoria and which will consume much of his time, prevailed upon Judge Bagley, of Hillsboro, to act in his place. No criminal cases are being tried, though Ed. McFall, charged with enticing a minor from her home, appeared and entered his plea. John F. Logan, of Portland, is his attorney, and his trial has been set for a later date.

The docket is as follows:
Kenneth Tomlinson vs. Orville Garrison.

Charles Johnson vs. Henry Olson.
John Marandis vs. John Votus.
Ed. Bouby vs. Columbia Contracting Co.
G. A. Brinn vs. A. T. Kiblan.
B. and H. M. West vs. W. E. Backus et al.

James Laus vs. State Industrial Accident Commission.

It is quite probable that the court session will last at least to the 25th of the month, as the last case is set for hearing on that date.

The grand jury is also in session and it is understood that several indictments have been returned.

SAVES MONEY ON JOB BY DAY LABOR

County Does Own Work and Saves Money on Road Job.

Railroad avenue, which begins at a point on the St. Helens Lumber Company's railroad crossing and extends 2,216 feet west, is now complete. About two months ago the county asked for bids on this piece of work, and several bids were submitted. The court thought the bids excessive and ordered the work done by Supervisor Clark and under the supervision of Roadmaster Abry. The figures on the cost are as follows:
Clearing, grubbing and grading \$1,426.16
Rocking 404.80
Total \$1,830.96
The lowest bid submitted for the work was \$2,360.70, so it can be seen that by the county doing its own work the taxpayers were saved more than \$500. Supervisor Clark and Roadmaster Abry and the men who assisted them in the work are to be congratulated on the good showing made on the construction of this piece of road.

MOTORSHIP HERE ON MAIDEN TRIP

Is Loading Big Cargo of Lumber for Australia.

The motorship S. I. Allard arrived in St. Helens early Tuesday morning and immediately began loading her lumber cargo, which is destined for Sydney, Australia. The Allard is in command of Capt. S. C. Mitchell, who, for a number of years, was master of the well known schooner Irene. The first trip of the vessel was satisfactory to Captain Mitchell. Leaving the Golden Gate he went some miles out to sea, and though strong northwest winds were encountered the big vessel made good progress, making the trip from San Francisco to the Columbia river in six days.

The storing of the Allard's lumber cargo is being given dispatch, and it is expected that the vessel will be loaded within the next ten days.

LONGSHOREMEN'S WAGES INCREASED

When the longshoremen were paid off after loading a vessel in port a few days ago they were agreeably surprised when they received 55 cents per hour on their straight time. Heretofore the wage scale has been 50 cents per hour for straight time and 75 cents for overtime. The increase in pay amounts to 10 per cent and came without any request on the part of the longshoremen. The stevedoring company stated that the increased cost of living was responsible for their voluntary raise.

S. H. H. S. TAKES THIRD STRAIGHT GAME

Scappoose is Opposition in Five Innings of Ragged Ball.

(By the Mist H. S. reporter.)
The high school ball tossers continued their winning streak by defeating the Scappoose nine Monday afternoon on the latter's pasture. The final count stood 8-2.

After five innings of mediocre ball had been served Old Jude tired of the sport, so the game was called to give the spring shower full away.

Richardson allowed only three hits during the matinee, but he hit two of the opposing satellites for good measure. Duncan proved to be the best pitcher the locals have faced this season. He was touched up for five hits, but kept them well scattered. His teammates gave him very poor support, making five errors.

Mainin made the best batting average for the afternoon, polling out two clean hits in three attempts. Duncan's little curve ball was a puzzle to many of the St. Helens sluggers, nine of them retiring by way of the strike-out route. The team batting average of the home guard tips the scale at .340. Following is the score by innings:

	R	H	E
St. Helens	2	3	0
Scappoose	0	0	2

Notes for Rainier Game

Saturday afternoon 2:30, on high school diamond.

St. Helens has defeated Warren and Scappoose, and this game will decide the county championship.

Rainier is reputed to have a good team, and a close game is expected. Your last chance to see locals in action, as no more games can be secured.

Expenses are large, so give your full support.

SALMON CATCH SELLS QUICKLY

Demand for canned salmon of the 1917 pack is tip top. Everybody wants it and orders are coming from all over the country. Some of the eastern business is supposed to be for export to Europe, where the famous fish is in as great demand as it is here. The prices paid are the highest on record, the opening quotations being given in these columns two weeks ago. All sales made are of spot only, and thus far, because of the small catch, the packers have been unable to meet the calls made upon them. Every carload put up has been moved and several times the total would be en route east now if available. With the water mounting higher and higher the fishermen report steadily diminishing catches.

SPECIAL MEETING OF WOMAN'S CLUB

Wednesday afternoon the Woman's Club held a special meeting at the home of Mrs. Day, in honor of Miss Philip, who is to be married in June. The affair was a complete surprise to Miss Philip, as she did not know it was in her honor until the president, on behalf of the club, in a few words and with hearty good wishes, presented her with a cook book. The club members contributed their "best recipes" which are known to be tried and true. Dainty refreshments were served. The house was prettily decorated with cut flowers. All spent a very pleasant afternoon and left wishing Miss Philip much happiness.

MARRIED

Miss Elsie Kallberg and Mr. Louis L. Muhr were united in marriage in Portland on Tuesday, the 15th. The wedding came as a complete surprise to their many friends here. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kallberg, of Warren, and is well and favorably known in St. Helens, where she has resided for the past several years. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. August Muhr, of Warren, and has been engaged in business in St. Helens for several years. The happy couple are now on their bridal trip to Puget Sound but will return to St. Helens during the coming week and will make their home here.

WILL HAVE HARD TIME GETTING BY

The Farmers' Needs Are Clearly Brought Out.

As a result of the recent mole trapping demonstrations the county agent's office is flooded with requests for traps and information on tanning the mole skins. Most of the hardware stores in the county have agreed to lay in a supply of the traps, but in case they can not be secured locally any of the hardware or seed houses in Portland will send them to you. Your school teacher can give you the name of the trap.

In the June issue of the farmers' exchange list, the county agent will publish the formula and method for tanning mole skins.

During the week 871 people heard Mr. Scheffer's talk, and if the farmers will get the traps for the boys the moles will have a hard time "getting by" in Columbia county.

As a result of the farm survey taken last week, a few of the farmers' needs were clearly brought out. Perhaps the greatest of these is seed. Owing to the very late season very little wheat can be seeded and many farmers are doubtful about seeding oats. Barley offers a possible solution, but very little seed is available. However, there is listed at the county agent's office names of persons having various kinds of seed for sale. Those needing seed should write in for these at once.

It is not yet too late for seeding oats, and farmers should at least sow enough to provide plenty of hay even if the crop should fall short for grain purposes.

It is to be hoped that a large acreage of corn will be planted for silage purposes. Silage will reduce the amount of grain and hay necessary for stock feeding this coming winter. Corn for silage may be planted as late as June 15 if early maturing varieties are used. Grain will be very high and no doubt will be practically out of reach for feeding purposes. We must begin now to provide cheaper feed for our livestock.

Parties having corn seed for sale kindly inform the county agent, and those needing seed may locate the same there.

A complete summary of the findings of the farm survey will appear in next week's issue. Many of the reports sent in are made worthless due to the fact that they do not contain figures on last year's crop. (The value of the survey lies in its comparison, and it is desired that all farmers rush in these reports completely filled out. As yet less than 25 per cent of the farmers of the county have responded to this call. It is an opportunity to render a bit of patriotic service to our country. It costs only a two-cent stamp and will be of great benefit to the farmers. Why so many fail to respond to this little request is beyond our understanding.

MUCH BOOZE IS SEIZED BY SHERIFF

Several Arrests Are Made for Violation of Prohibition Law.

Receiving a tip that a cargo of booze was to be unloaded somewhere near St. Helens, Sheriff Stanwood and Deputy Sheriff Brown were very busy Tuesday night. Their efforts were rewarded, for sixty-six quarts of the "spirits fermenti" were confiscated at an early hour Wednesday morning. The parties unloading the contraband, seeing the officers approaching, made a hasty getaway, but left the "joy water" on the main deck of a conveniently placed barge. In consequence of the attempted importation of the whisky, Sheriff Stanwood made several arrests yesterday. As far as can be learned, the accused men were admitted to bail in the sum of \$500.

Sheriff Stanwood states that he will strictly enforce the prohibition law, and he is determined to put a stop to the peddling of booze in St. Helens, or for that matter any place in Columbia county.

According to Manager Ballagh of the Columbia River Packers' Association, the run of fish this week has been very poor.

SHIPYARD DEAL IS CONSUMMATED

Deeds Made and Signed for Columbia City Site.

The Columbia City shipyard seems to be an assured fact. George P. Baxter, of Oakland, Cal., and M. F. Somarstrom of the same city were in St. Helens Saturday in consultation with their Attorney, George H. Shinn, who drew the papers transferring 540 feet of water frontage and eight acres of land to the shipbuilders. Both Hex Caples and Mrs. Baxter have signed the deeds, and Chester V. Dolph, a Portland attorney and representative of the J. W. Dolph heirs, wired from New York accepting the offer of the Somarstrom brothers in the interest of the Dolph heirs.

Mr. Somarstrom spent Monday interviewing the lumber dealers in St. Helens and Portland, and entered into a contract for the immediate delivery of 1,500,000 feet of lumber, which will be used for ways and necessary building operations. The work of preparing the site will be under way within ten days, and the keel for the first vessel will soon be laid.

Mr. Shinn informs us that a representative of another large shipbuilding concern is looking for a shipbuilding site and has investigated the Columbia City site, and it is probable that this company will also establish a shipbuilding plant at that place.

It is stated that the property at Columbia City, other than that sold for shipbuilding purposes, has been temporarily withdrawn from the market, pending the return of Mr. Dolph from New York and Mr. Baxter from California. These parties and the heirs, or their representatives, will meet this summer and plans will be formulated for the further development of the property.

LIBRARY ENTERTAINMENT FOR TONIGHT

An Excellent Program is Promised—Large Attendance Expected.

The entertainment which will be given by the Woman's Club for the benefit of the library fund will be held in the city hall tonight. A very interesting and enjoyable program has been prepared and no doubt a large audience will be in attendance. The proceeds will be used exclusively for the upkeep and maintenance of the library. The members of the club set forth the fact that St. Helens, as the county seat, should have a public library which should be open to the public every day, and they point out the fact that many towns of less importance than St. Helens have libraries which are open to the public at all times. As one of the club members expressed it, "Hardly a day passes but someone asks where is the public library." Many people who have an hour or so of spare time would appreciate the advantages of a library and reading room, and the ladies of the club ask that the public aid them by attending the entertainment. In addition to aiding the work, those who attend will receive their money's worth in the way of entertainment.

The ladies of the club have not found it an easy task to keep the library going. New books have to be purchased, a librarian hired and other little incidental expenses come up, which in the aggregate amount to a considerable sum during the year, so St. Helens people should show their appreciation of the work being carried on by the club and assist in such work. By all means, attend the concert tonight. The admission is very small and the entertainment will be excellent.

The Independent Automobile Company has received a shipment of six Maxwell automobiles. The war tax proposed by congress will increase the price of automobiles 5 per cent, so in order to protect their customers the company hurried to get a part of their allotment.

H. R. Mangold, representing the Flak Rubber Company, was in St. Helens Thursday.

WAR CENSUS SOON TO BE TAKEN

AGE LIMIT IS 21 TO 30

Sheriff Appoints Census Takers in Each Precinct.

Every man between the ages of 21 and 30 years, inclusive, must register on the day soon to be proclaimed by President Wilson for the war census. Brigadier General George A. White, adjutant general of Oregon, working under direction of Governor Withycombe, has put the machinery to work and his first request of every man affected by the census is that he make a careful study of its provisions to eliminate all possible confusion. The sheriff and county clerk have received their instructions from the government officials and are working out a plan for the county which will make the registering prompt and simple.

No Exceptions to Rule

As Sheriff Stanwood states, there will be no exception to the rule. Even if a man belongs to one of the exempt classes, he nevertheless must register if he is between 21 and 30 years of age. The government will determine who is to be exempt after its records are complete.

Registering for the war census, as the county officials have arranged it, will be no more confusing than casting a vote. The general plan for gathering data for the government is based on the ballot system. If every man is ready, the officials think war census day will pass like clockwork.

The man who tries to evade the provision will face a term in jail without the option of paying a fine. In almost every case throughout the county, the census will be taken in regular polling places used on election days, and if any changes are made the sheriff will, through the county press, inform the public. Sheriff Stanwood has designated the following as war census takers, and when the president announces the day the gentlemen will be quite busy:

W. L. Brown, Aplary.
John McAdam, Mayger.
E. D. Tichenor, Clatskanie.
N. Merrill, Clatskanie.
B. J. Keelan, Deer Island.
Frank Bishop, Goble.
T. W. Tandy, Marshland.
J. J. Banzer, Mist.
R. S. Payne, Quincy.
John McCrea, Prescott.
C. Sammons, Rainier.
A. J. Pritchard, Rainier.
R. N. Lovelace, Rainier.
W. E. Stevens, Scappoose.
Joe Van Hulla, Spitzenberg.
S. A. Wilkerson, Vernonia.
F. A. Hoyt, Warren.
G. L. Tarbell, Yankton.
M. F. Hazen, St. Helens.
Washington Muckle, St. Helens.
W. J. Mellinger, Houlton.

CITY COUNCIL HAS A BUSY SESSION

Matters of Importance Taken Up and Disposed Of.

The city council met in regular session Monday night, all members except Councilman Muckle being present. Minutes of previous meetings were read and approved. Councilman Allen reported that the second installment of the amount allowed the library committee was due and on motion the recorder was instructed to draw a warrant for that amount.

A letter from Dr. Andrew Smith, a member of the state board of health, was read. The doctor advised the city to have a clean-up day and that the city officials make it compulsory for property owners to clean up their premises. He made special mention of the condition of the waterfront and asked the city officials to see that the property was cleaned up without the necessity of taking the matter before the state board.

Resolutions as to the improvements of certain streets were read and adopted. The monthly bills were held over until the next regular meeting.